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## NSU News-later

# Summer Session in Roosta, Estonia

**2019 July 28th – August 4th**

Dear reader, this is an extra Newsletter with complementary information that was missing in previous Newsletter # 3 (hence, a “News-later”). The main purpose of this Newsletter is to give participants all the practical information they need for their travel and stay in Roosta. You can read about:

- The shuttle bus between Tallinn and Roosta
- Contact information to the Arrangement Committee (aka Arrkom)
- Preliminary Summer Session programme
- Guidelines for new participants visiting the Summer Session
- Agenda for the General Assembly
- News from the Board

### The shuttle bus between Tallinn and Roosta

NSU has arranged shuttle busses between Tallinn and Roosta for all participants on the day of arrival and the day of departure. The buses will depart from Tallinn (**address: Mere puiestee 5, in front of Vene kultuurikeskus**) on **28th of July** at 15:00 and 18:00 in the evening. If you are arriving later than 18:00 in the evening, please contact Arrkom so that we can arrange a transfer for you. On departure day, the **4th of August**, the buses will depart from Roosta and drive back to the same address in Tallinn at 08:00

in the morning and 12:00 at noon. The bus ride takes approximately one hour and 40 minutes. The ticket prices for the shuttle buses are 8 euros for adults and 4 euros for children. Tickets for the shuttle buses can be bought in advance via our [web shop](#). Public transports is also an option. For more information, see Arrkom's blog page:

<https://arrkom2019.wixsite.com/nsu2019>.

### *Contact information to the Arrangement Committee (aka Arrkom)*

*The Arrangement Committee is responsible for all the practicalities of the Summer Session such as accommodation, logistics and the excursion day. Their email address is [arrkom2019@gmail.com](mailto:arrkom2019@gmail.com). During the summer session they will also be available on phone number: +372 5815 14 94.*

### Preliminary Summer Session programme

Preliminary programmes for each study circle can be found on our home page: <https://nordic.university/study-circles/>

### Guidelines for new participants visiting the Summer Session

The NSU is founded on democratic values. Participants who are visiting the summer session for the very first time automatically become members and are welcome to share in the work of the NSU on equal conditions as every other participant. Every year, a number of delegates are selected from each circle and region. These delegates are selected in order to represent all participants in the decision making of the General Assembly.

To welcome new participants, and to give everyone a chance to become a part of the decision making process of the NSU, the board will arrange a workshop to introduce the significant function of the General Assembly. This workshop will take place on Monday evening, the 29th of July, between 19:30-20:30. Everyone are welcome to join in this workshop - new members as well as old members. We also encourage participants to visit the homepage before the summer session begins and read about the activities.

### Agenda for the General Assembly

The agenda for the General Assembly including the new circle proposals and the strategy plan for 2020-2023 is now uploaded on the homepage: click [here](#).

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### News from the Board

One month ago members of the Board of the Nordic Summer University spent several days in Copenhagen for their second Board meeting of the year. Preparing budgets, arrangements for the summer session, writing a new strategy plan for 2020-2023. We met with the accountant to discuss the increasing complexity of the financial reporting. We finalised a first version of guidelines for the Nominating Committee that is to select the new Board of 2020 during the General Assembly. During the General Assembly all the decisions of the upcoming year are made by representatives of the NSU community: what study program will we have, how will we spend the funds that are available to us, who will be in the Board? Important questions, and the Board needs to make sure everyone is informed as much as possible in order to make the democratic processes work optimally.

Together with a local NSU-er who was able to join us, we met with a researcher from the WeValue group from Brighton University to participate in a workshop especially designed to elicit the values of NSU. What is NSU about? Which values do we share as a group? These values often remain implicit, but in communicating what NSU is all about to (new) participants and (prospective) funding bodies, it is very important to be able to put them into words. As we would also like to evaluate the work of NSU on our own terms, we now have very concrete goals and values that can be linked to indicators that we can trace throughout the history of NSU. A very valuable workshop.

On Monday 3rd of June Disa Kamula and Nicole des Bouvrie, chair and vice-chair/treasurer respectively, met with the Nordic Council of Ministers to discuss the 2019 and 2020 funding contracts. Two hours of negotiations with many discussions on reporting, contractual agreements, past surpluses, calls for transparency and an update on the status with regard to the 2014 evaluation of NSU regarding the necessity of external funding. Although we are facing a decrease in funding in 2019 and 2020, we were also able to make sure to protect the independent nature of NSU as an organisation. Overall we aimed for a good working relation while looking at the future of NSU.

In case you'd like to know more about the voluntary work of the board, read more at <https://nordic.university/organisation/board-of-directors/> and you can contact us at [board@nsuweb.org](mailto:board@nsuweb.org) or of course talk to us at the next summer session in Estonia! We would love to get in touch with people experienced in writing funding and grant proposals.

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*Since 1950, the Nordic Summer University (NSU) actively supports the cultivation of new ideas and growing research networks in the Nordic countries. As an independent, non-profit academic institution, NSU fosters the development of new research areas and emerging researchers in the Nordic and Baltic countries. Committed to egalitarian and interdisciplinary modes of learning, the NSU is open for senior scholars, doctoral and master students, as well as artists and professionals with relevant backgrounds. NSU is a non-profit organization,*

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*Please forward to anyone who may be interested.*

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